

The Family Altar Broadcast

During the Waterloo tent revival Editor John R. Rice is speaking daily on the Family Altar Broadcast, a daily radio service on three stations, WMT, 600 kc. at Waterloo, Iowa; KRNT, 1320 kc. at Des Moines, Iowa; and KMA, 930 kc. at Shenandoah, Iowa. Brother Hilmore Cedarholm is a beloved and very useful radio pastor. Each of these stations have 5,000 watt power, and the thirty minute chain broadcast carried by the three stations at 6:30 each week day morning and 7:30 on Sunday mornings brings response from fourteen or fifteen states and Canada. People who have heard about the revival through this radio broadcast have already attended from eight or nine states.

This daily broadcast began April 1st, 1933, and has been carried on continually since, except for a brief interruption by illness. Multiplied thousands of people have been

blessed and many have been saved through the gospel as presented on the Family Altar Broadcast. Bro. Cedarholm is a comparatively young man, a graduate of Moody Bible Institute, with fine Bible training, a happy, zealous man anointed of God for this work. He sings, plays and preaches and is true to all the fundamentals of the Christian faith. It has been a joy to associate with this generous-hearted, spiritual-minded and efficient brother.

An enormous amount of work is connected with the broadcast. Besides the labor of preparing daily messages, planning programs, music, etc., and answering Bible questions over the air, there is a very heavy correspondence. Ordinarily mail averages thirty-five to fifty letters a day but on special occasions it leaps to 125, 175 and 200 letters a day and more. This morning Brother Cedarholm tells

me there came not less than 175 letters. Just now Brother Cedarholm is giving away free to all who request them a package of my booklets including "What Must I Do To Be Saved," "Can A Saved Person Ever Be Lost?" "Be Ye Not Unequally Yoked Together With Unbelievers," and "Sunday or Sabbath, Which Should Christians Observe?" He will send out thousands of them free.

The work of the Family Altar broadcast employs a suite of five rooms including radio studio, offices, store room, etc. The workers are four, including Mr. Cedarholm, radio pastor; Mr. Wesley Eagan, assistant pastor; a stenographer and another office girl.

The broadcast is carried on by faith in God and these years He has kept it going. Very little mention is made of money but much prayer is made and God puts it in the hearts of people to support the broadcast.

The theme song of the broadcast is, "Ere You Left Your Room This Morning, Did You Think To Pray?" and thousands of families gather around the radio for family devotions each morning when they hear the sweet strains of that song. This theme song music sheet is sent free on request to any one who writes for it and those who wish it may address Rev. Hilmore Cedarholm, Box 87, Waterloo, Iowa. It is a favorite of the editor which is often sung for me by the Matthew Sisters Quartette in Dallas.

We are especially grateful to God for the privilege of bringing a gospel message each morning on this broadcast heard by so many people. The motto of the Family Altar Broadcast is, "ON THE AIR UNTIL JESUS COMES IN THE AIR." If it please God, may that be literally true.

Mr. Cedarholm showed me this morning a group of letters from those converted to Christ through the broadcast. Doubtless many others are led to trust Christ and serve Him who do not write to say so.

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ther and mother who have been attending the meeting but who have never been converted. It seems particularly strange to find so many mothers unconverted. Yet when these difficulties are overcome, the conversions are often remarkably happy and clear cut. For instance, because of the high standard of living set by fundamental Christians in this country, men who are saved generally feel they should give up tobacco and movies, and a radical change takes place in the life in a large percentage of cases.

Last night a Catholic girl, wearing a little cross on a chain about her neck, heard the sermon on "The Wedding Invitation" — R. S. V. P. with deepest interest. She had been in several services. With a good deal of timidity she confessed Christ openly last night. I believe she truly trusted Christ Jesus.

Last night a mature woman, a mother of grown children, came to claim Christ. Last week she was in one of the services when I gave away the booklet on "Hell, What the Bible Says About It." She read that gospel message, became broken up and deeply convicted of her sins and a good neighbor woman who came to see her found her eagerly waiting to accept Christ. Her face was happy last night, filled with the joy and peace of forgiveness!

A few nights ago an old man, I suppose past seventy, came out to confess Christ as his Saviour. He had long maintained that he had always believed there was a God, had lived a very good life, and he insisted that he thought he was all right. Yet when I pinned him down to answer a plain question he would readily admit that he had never been born again, never trusted Christ to forgive his sins and change his heart. Many had spoken to him and all thanked God

when he was saved. He went home and talked about the revival and showed good evidence of real conversion. In the home his daughter-in-law, a Lutheran woman, trusted Christ and was happily saved and is now anxious for her unsaved husband.

Sunday night a grey-haired, mature woman, a cultured school teacher, was among those who came to claim Christ.

Sunday afternoon a dear old maiden lady was in the services who had long been in the deepest sorrow on account of her sins. When I saw her sitting and waiting I felt impressed to speak to her after the service was dismissed. She told me at once that she had so many sins she didn't see how she could be forgiven. Doubtless, she has lived a good, moral life but she has spent these years in a church where little was said about the new birth, and the word of eternal salvation by the grace of God, received by faith,

had not been made clear. I had her read with me John 6:37 and Matthew 10:33. She admitted that she had come to Christ, as John 6:37 said, and that for years and years she had prayed for forgiveness but did not believe she had been forgiven. When it came clear to her that Christ would never turn one away who was willing to trust Him, she looked up to me with a sweet smile and said, "I am certainly going to get lots of joy out of remembering this conversation. So long I have wanted somebody to talk to me and help me. I have been troubled so long about my sins." Without husband, without children, old and grey-haired, with a sad heart, she was one of the hungriest souls I ever saw. She was glad to openly confess Christ on the basis of Matthew 10:33 and seemed to go away perfectly happy in Jesus. She had heard the morning radio broadcast and when she got a way to come to Waterloo

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she came and thanked God for the opportunity.

A good many have been saved from out of town. One night I spoke to three young women before the song service began and found one of them was from Fort Dodge, 100 miles west of Waterloo. She was unsaved, a fine young woman, and she promised me to prayerfully consider the matter. At the invitation she soon came openly to confess Christ and went away happy in Him.

The one thing that has impressed me most in dealing with sinners here is that here so many minds are clouded with that black soul-destroying teaching of salvation by works. I am reminded that the outside world, the lodges, the moral men all teach salvation by character and merit and I am sad to observe that here most churches seem to teach the same thing. How people do need to know that Jesus died for sinners and that "by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2: 8, 9). And how glad troubled and anxious souls are when they learn their sins are paid for by the blood of Christ and that He does all the saving and does it forever when they commit their souls by faith to Him as Lord and Saviour!

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Because of the three-station radio broadcast each morning, heard by so many people, we have a very large out of town attendance. In fact, Sunday afternoon people from nine states were present. One lady we know was visiting friends and perhaps so were others, but most of them drove to Waterloo simply to be in the revival services. We have had hundreds of out of town people in the revival services and that should remind us that people everywhere are hungry for old-fashioned revivals, for clear, bold, Spirit-filled Bible preaching. May God stir the revival fires everywhere and may readers of *The*

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The revival was scheduled to last three weeks and to close next Sunday, August 22nd. There is a great deal of demand for the revival to continue longer. We are scheduled to be at the Northwestern Bible Conference at Medicine Lake, Minnesota, the week of August 23rd to the 29th and should like very much to go. However, if God leads for the revival to continue we will rejoice in His will and trust that scores may be saved. He will clearly show His will.

We are burdened about this revival. Thus far some fifty-five have openly confessed Christ. Most of them have been adults. A good many more have been converted in the homes. From the remarkable interest we trust that some have been saved through the radio services. We expect a blessed reaping this week. The power of the Lord was felt strongly last night (Monday night).

We are grateful for the fine cooperation of the Walnut Street Baptist Church and pastor, P. B. Chenault. They have helped greatly in the revival. Brother Chenault's paper, sent to his church membership and radio listeners, announced this tent revival, ran my picture and most cordially commended the evangelist and urged his people to attend. It was a joy to go with Brother Chenault and his men to a street service at Jesup Saturday night, and I will meet with the women of the Walnut Street Church in prayer services tomorrow morning. Brother Chenault has been in many of our services and graciously allows our workers the use of the gospel car with loud speaking equipment for announcing the revival each day through the streets of Waterloo.

Our Responsibility

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might lose our fortune, mind, or character, but all of these can find healing in death, but the lost soul has no healing but in the blood of Christ.

There are souls that are lost and going to Hell. Will you help rescue these souls?

Do we ever stop to realize the worth of a human soul? A soul is precious. Jesus said, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" So a soul is worth more than worlds. Peter says, "Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ" (I Pet. 18, 19).

A soul was too precious to be redeemed with anything but the blood of Christ. Oh, may God give us a glimpse of the worth of a human soul!

Do we care about these precious souls? Billy Sunday once said, "If God had no more interest in this world than some people have, it would have been in hell long ago." That is about the truth; there are not very many people who care about this old world.

I was reading a story recently which told of a very wicked blacksmith who lived in a small village town. He hated everything good and loved everything bad. This man was given up as altogether beyond moral recovery. Prayer was made as though he had no existence; churches were opened and shut but never with reference to him; the gospel was preached and mercy offered, but no one connected him with God's message to the world. A few miles out in the country lived an old couple, Father and Mother Brown. They were close to ninety years of age. Very early one morning the old man awoke and called to his wife to get up and start breakfast for he had to go to town this morning. He said, "I had a dream last night." The wife laughed at him to think an old man like him was going to walk several miles to town. But he said he was going. So after breakfast was over he started out for town. When he got there the first person he met was "Devil John," the blacksmith. John wanted to know what he was doing there so early in the morning. The old man said, "That's just what I've come to tell you. Let's go inside where I can sit down, for I am tired." Together they went into the shop and when seated the old man said: "John, I had a dream last

night and I've come to tell you about it. I dreamed the hour I have thought so much about had come. It was my time to die." In this dream, Father Brown went on to tell that his room was full of angels, then they took him to heaven. After he reached heaven, he said, "I found all my children there — not one of them lost. After a while I saw the same angels bring another — that was my wife. All was happy, and the years of eternity rolled.

"Then, John, all at once it came to me that I hadn't seen you anywhere. I set out to look for you, but I could find no trace of you. So I went to Jesus and asked Him where you were. And you should have seen how sorry he was when He told me that you had not come. 'Not come,' I said. 'Why didn't John come?' and He wept, as I suppose He often did when he was down here, and told me, "Nobody ever asked John to come." Then

I awoke and I'm here to give you an invitation to go to heaven." "Nobody ever asked John to come." How sad! Yet how many people, in this world, are without an invitation to "come!"

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committed the oracles of God." Isaiah 51:16 says that God put His own words in the mouth of Isaiah. But it says also that since all the Scripture came from the pen of Jews, that God put His words in the mouth of all these prophets who wrote and that all the Bible is verbally inspired.

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The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,

Thus speaketh the Lord God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book. And then verse 4 following says,

And these are the words that the Lord spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah.

Jeremiah wrote down the very words of God in a book.

God gave further prophecies to Jeremiah and so commanded him again in Jeremiah 36:2:

Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein ALL THE WORDS that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day.

The very details of the word for word dictation and the way they were written down are told us in Jeremiah 36:4:

Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah; and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah ALL THE WORDS of the Lord, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book.

Thereafter Jeremiah called this roll which he had written "the words of the Lord" (Jer. 36:6).

That roll which Jeremiah had written containing the very words of God was cut with a penknife and burned up by the wicked king Jehoiakim (Jer. 36:21-23) and we are plainly told that

Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah ALL THE WORDS of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words.

The unbelief and rebellion of wicked men, Satan's effort to prevent our receiving the verbally inspired word of God, came to nought and now the book of Jeremiah in our Bible is made up of the very WORDS OF THE LORD as given to Jeremiah and as he dictated them to Baruch, the scribe who wrote down "the words of the Lord."

Ezekiel was also timid and hesitant when God called him to be a prophet but God said,

And thou shalt speak MY WORDS unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear; for they are most rebellious (Ezek. 2:7).

And then as a symbol of direct verbal inspiration God miraculously gave Ezekiel a roll of a book where were written lamentations and mourning and woe, and he was commanded to eat the roll and did so. Thus Ezekiel symbolized that the words which he should speak and write were literally the words of God, dictated by the Holy Spirit. God assured Ezekiel, "But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God" (Ezek. 3:27).

The words of the Bible are God's words. Those who believe the Bible must believe in verbal inspiration. The only intelligent alternative is complete repudiation of the Bible — infidelity; and that, God knows, is not very intelligent.

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